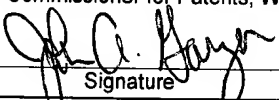


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**REQUEST FOR FILING CONTINUATION APPLICATION  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b)**

This is a request for filing a continuation application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b) of co-pending prior application Serial No. 09/344,277, filed June 30, 1999, entitled "Method For Enhancing Oxide to Nitride Selectivity Through The Use Of Independent Heat Control." The Commissioner is requested to grant Applicants a filing date in accordance with Rule 1.53.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 120 is hereby claimed to Ser. No. 09/344,277. The present application contains no new matter not present in Ser. No. 09/344,277. Please note that

09/344,277 is a continuation of 08/905,891 (U.S. Pat. 6,015,760) filed August 4, 1997, which is a continuation of 08/152,755 (U.S. Patent 5,880,036) filed November 15, 1993, which is a continuation-in-part of 07/898,505 (U.S. Patent 5,286,344) filed June 15, 1992. Priority is claimed to these prior applications as well.

Enclosed is a copy of the prior application Serial No. 09/344,277 as originally filed, including specification, claims, drawings, and declaration. The undersigned hereby verifies that the attached papers are a true copy of the prior application as originally filed and identified above, that no amendments (if any) referred to in the declaration filed to complete the prior application introduced new matter therein, and further that this statement was made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statement may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon. The inventorship is the same as prior Application Serial No. 09/344,277.

Enclosed is a copy of the Assignee's Election under 37 C.F.R. § 3.73 and Power of Attorney filed in Ser. No. 09/344,277. As with Ser. No. 09/344,277, this application is presently assigned to Micron Technology, Inc.

Enclosed are an Information Disclosure Statement (IDS) and accompanying form PTO 1449.

FEE CALCULATION

FOR	NUMBER FILED	NUMBER EXTRA	RATE	FEE
Basic Fee -----				\$710.00
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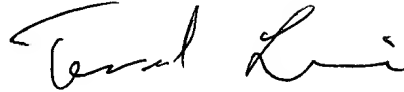
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